

# Synthetic Cannabinoids

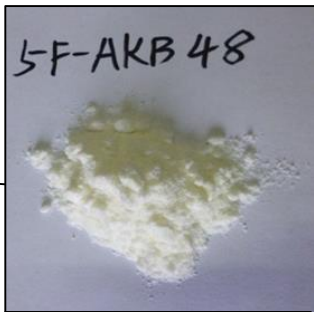
**AKA:** synth canna, pot pourri, incense, SCRA, smoking mix, Spice, Mamba  
**Brand Names:** pre-PSA brands included Psyclone, Exodus Damnation, Pandora's Box;  
**Chemicals include:** AKB-48, 5F-AKB48, PB22, 5F-PB22, STS-135  
**AKA:** APINACA, PINACA, QUPIC etc.

**Popularity:** unknown – not recorded in BCS & usually aggregated with other NPS

**Method of Use:** smoked, in pipes or with tobacco, some reports of swallowing or snorting

**Duration:** 30-60 mins – may be much longer and with an unpleasant comedown.

**Effects:**  
+ve: euphoria, relaxation, sensory change, stoned feeling  
-ve: nausea, panic, paranoia, muscle spasms, disorientation, hallucinations



**Law:** Some covered by MDA: Class B: e.g. JWH-, AM- & HU- compounds.  
Rest covered by PSA e.g. 5F-AKB48, PB22

**Cost:** £10-30/g average; some increase post PSA ban

**Source:** street supply as residual stocks from web/shops sold off

**Indicators:** empty packages, appearing very “stoned.” Possible anxiety. No cannabis smell. Possible solvent smell.

**Risks:** breathing problems, panic, anxiety, convulsions, paralysis, very fast heart rate, altered perception, acute MH problems, persisting psychosis nausea, vomiting, habit forming, lots of redosing, tolerance, risk of heart failure, kidney problems (?), some fatalities

Synthetic cannabinoids are chemicals, sprayed on to inert herbal material. Also sold as powder and for E-cigarettes. They mimic the action of THC, found in cannabis. Early products like Spice contained JW-018. New ones vary hugely in strength & can be very strong. May be a factor in recent drug deaths.